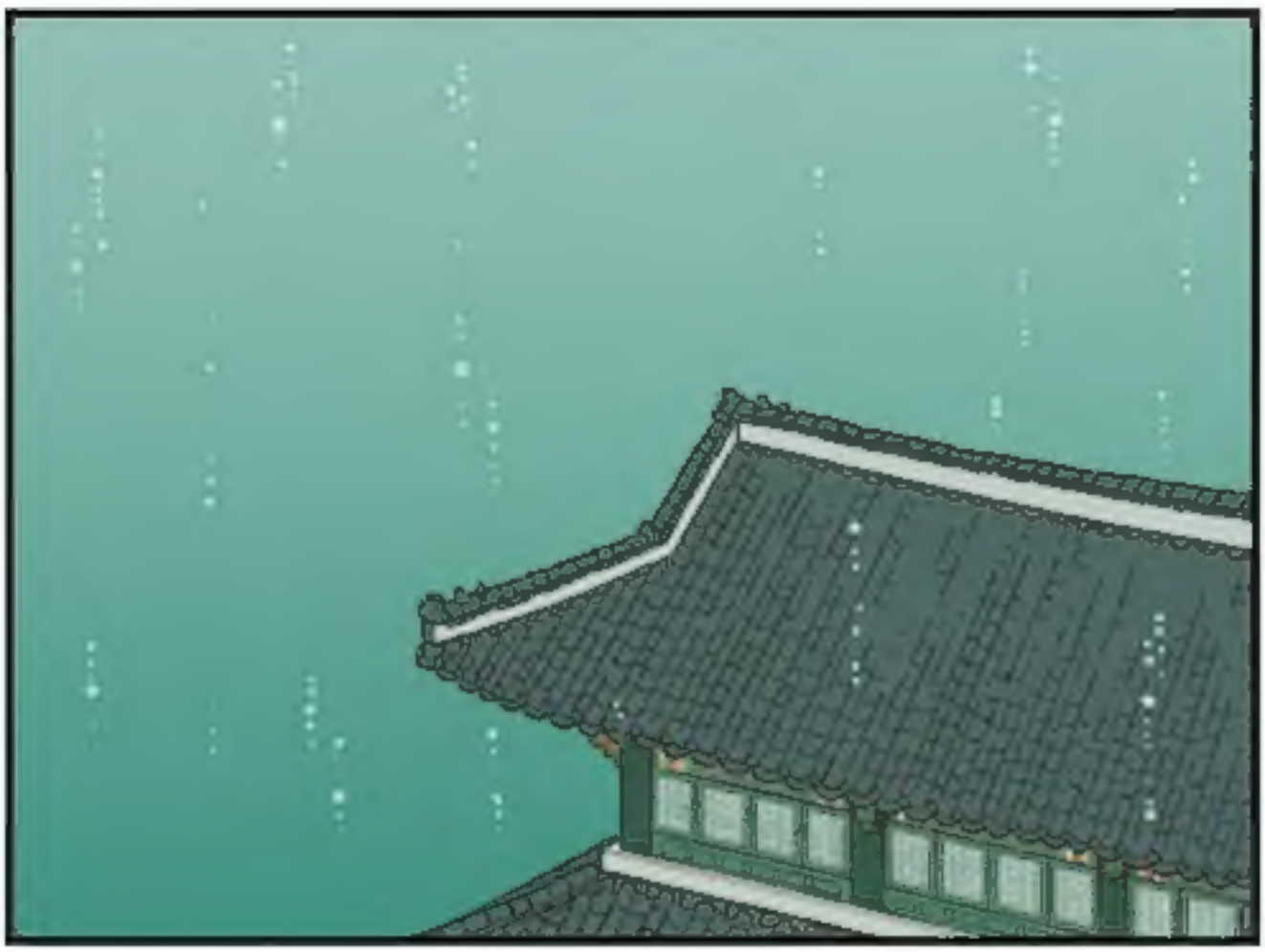


IS IT

OVER YET?

PACE ...

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH.

LADY DAMSEOL...

PLEASE TAKE YOUR MEDICINE.

THIS TEST MUST BE BRINGING YOU MANY CONCERNS, MY LADY.

SIGH

...

IT WON'T DO ANYONE GOOD IF YOU STAY THIS WAY.

I SHOULD BE BLAMED FOR NOT MANAGING IT BETTER.

SO DO I TAKE NO PART IN THIS?
SMIRK

NO MATTER...

...WHAT ANYONE SAYS, I'M TO BE BLAMED.

THAT DAY...

...I WASN'T DRUNK.

DAMSEOL!

WOBBLE

ARE YOU OKAY?

UGH...

COUGH

YOU SMELL LIKE ALCOHOL.

GEEZ...

...YOU NEVER DRANK IN FRONT OF ME.

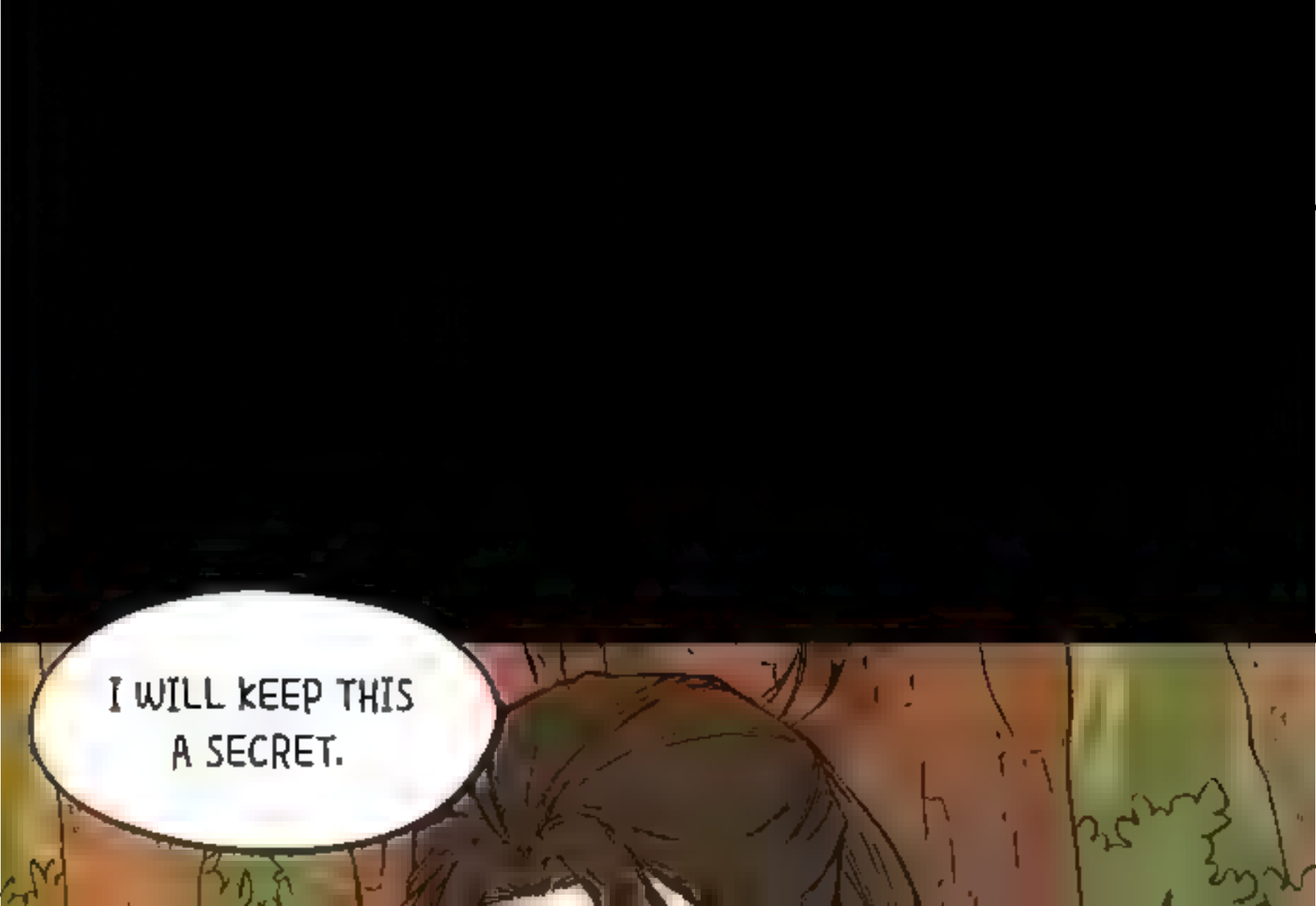
STAY HERE. I WILL GO GET SOME WATER.

MR. NAMSENG!
I SAW HER GO TOWARDS THIS WAY.
...!

HIDE

LADY DAMSEOL!

THE ASCENSION DAY IS DRAWING NEAR.


I WILL KEEP THIS
A SECRET.

BLINK

YOU SHOULD GO BACK WITH ME NOW.

THEN WHAT NEXT?

EXCUSE ME?

WITHOUT MY OWN RIVER TO GOVERN, THERE'S NO POINT.

I'M NOTHING.

I FINALLY REALIZED THAT THERE'S NO MORE HOPE.
STUMBLE

HOW DARE YOU GUYS DO THIS TO ME? YOU KNEW THAT I'LL DRY UP AND DIE.

SHOULD I STILL ASCEND? EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I'LL DIE?

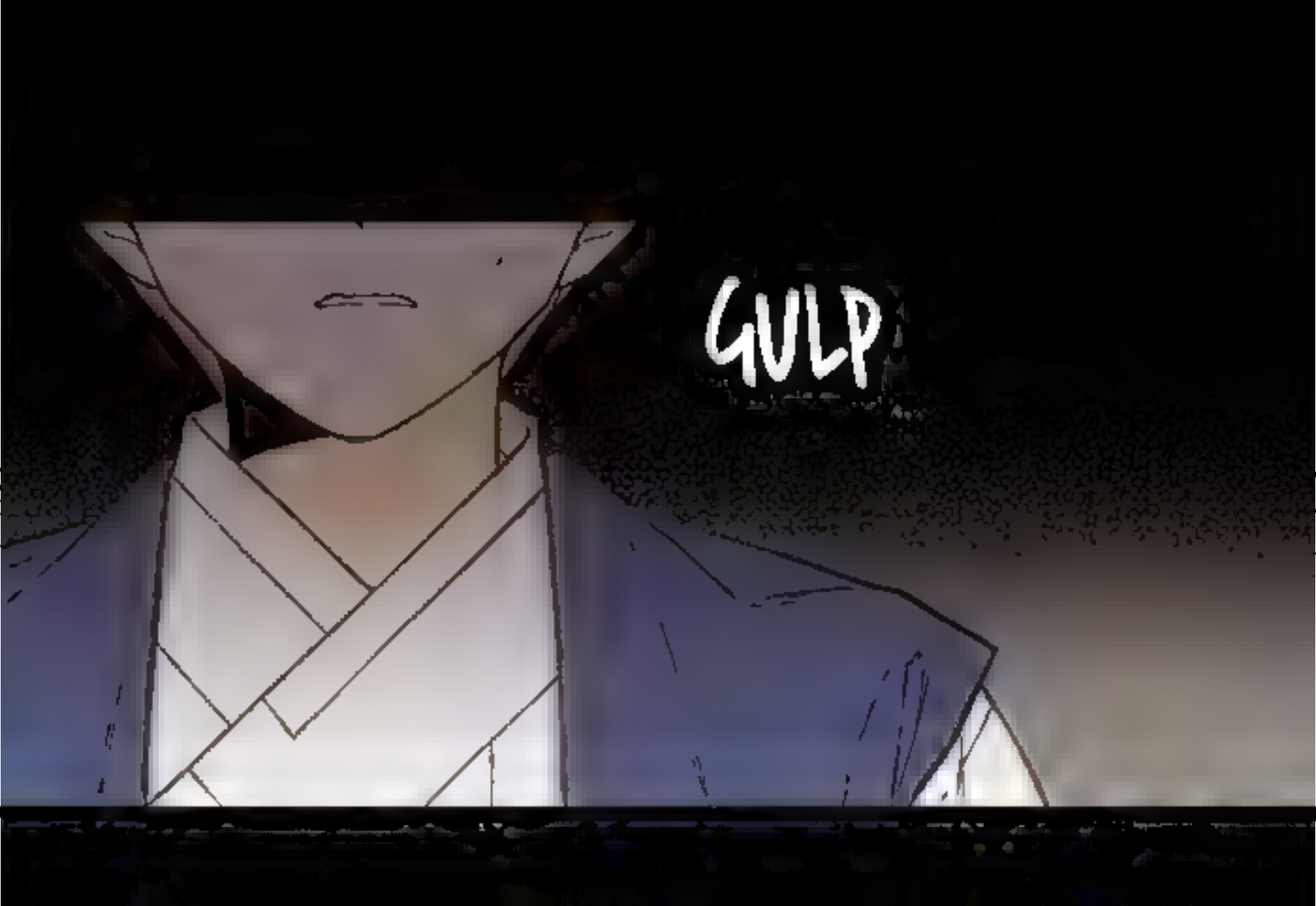
THAT'S TOO CRUEL.

THAT'S...

WOBBLE

THUD
MY LADY!
LADY DAMSEOL!

LADY DAMSEOL!
WAKE UP,
MY LADY!


GULP

SO...
...I KNEW
THAT MR. KIM WAS

LISTENING TO ME.

I'M
ALSO AT FAULT.

SO DON'T BLAME
YOURSELF FOR
IT TOO MUCH...

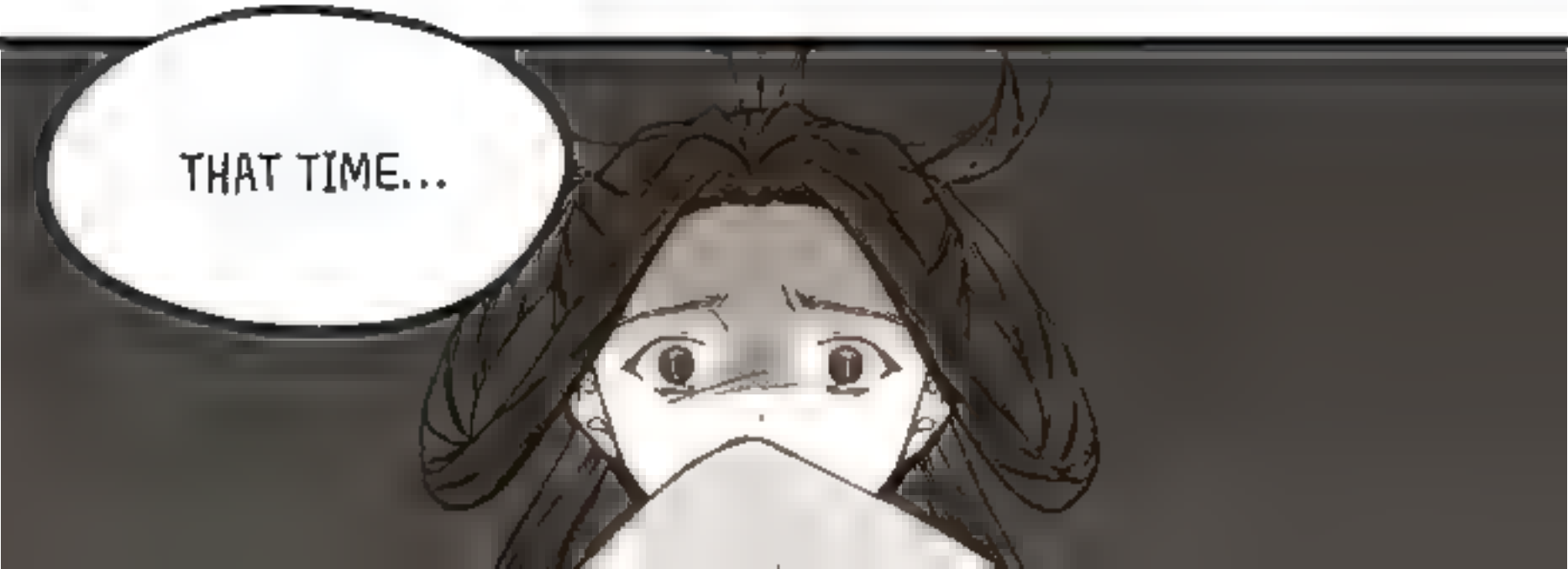
FOR GETTING EMOTIONAL.

BECAUSE
EVEN DRAGONS...

WILL DRY UP
WITHOUT ANY
RIVER ASSIGNED.

WHAT
MAKES ME SAD AND
MISERABLE...

...IS THAT
NO ONE BELIEVED
IN ME.


THAT TIME...

...WHEN I SAW BARI BLEEDING ON THE GROUND...

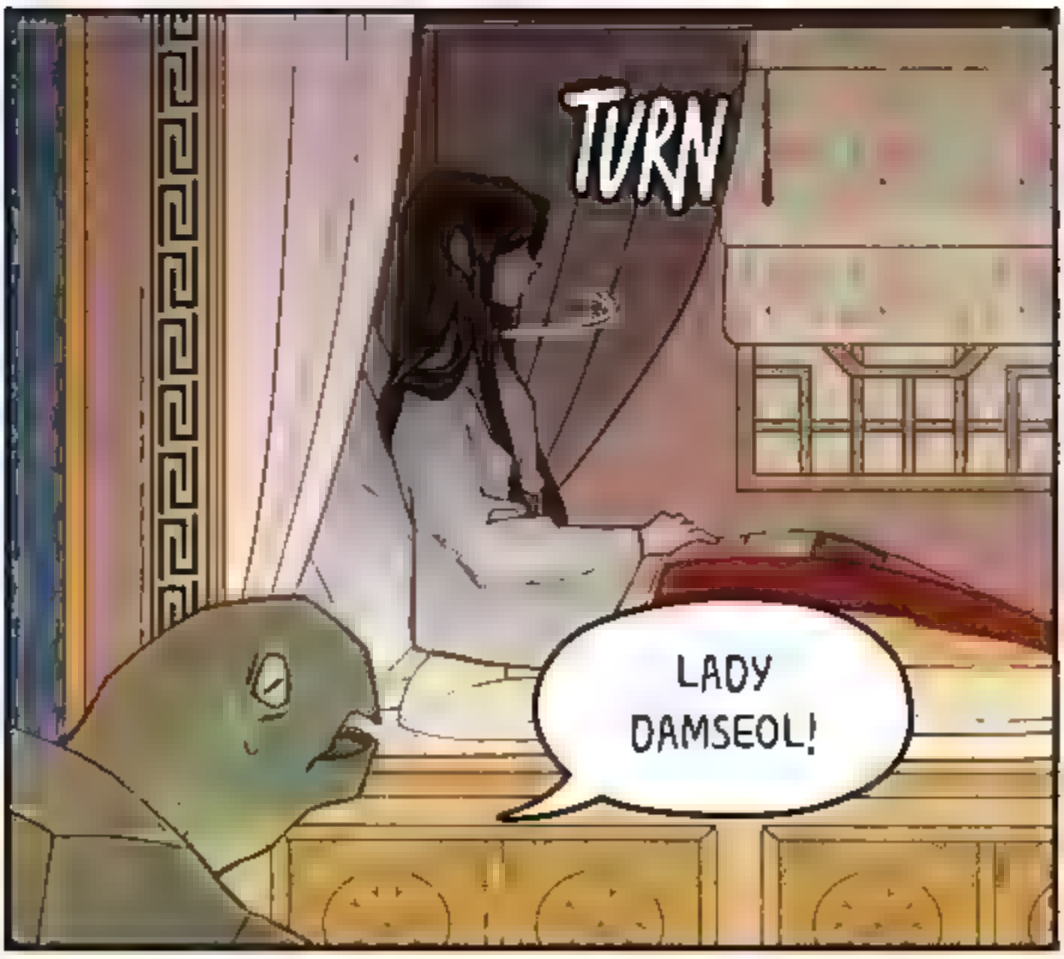
...I FELT SAD...

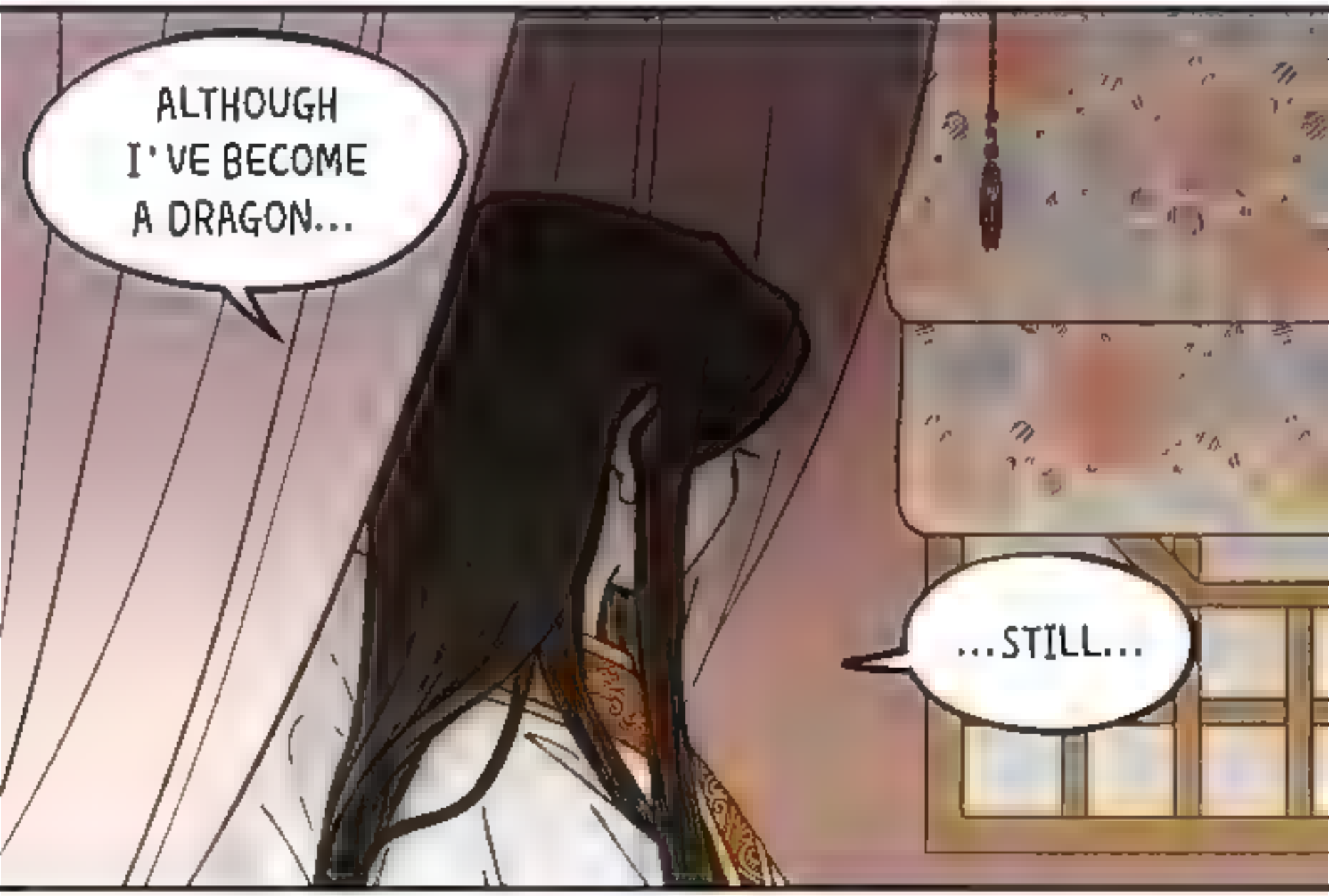
...BUT ALSO RELIEVED.

WHILE MY BEST BUDDY IS IN AGONY...

TREMBLE

...I ONLY SOUGHT MY GAINS.


TURN
LADY DAMSEOL!


ALTHOUGH I'VE BECOME A DRAGON...
...STILL...

...I HATE MYSELF.

HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

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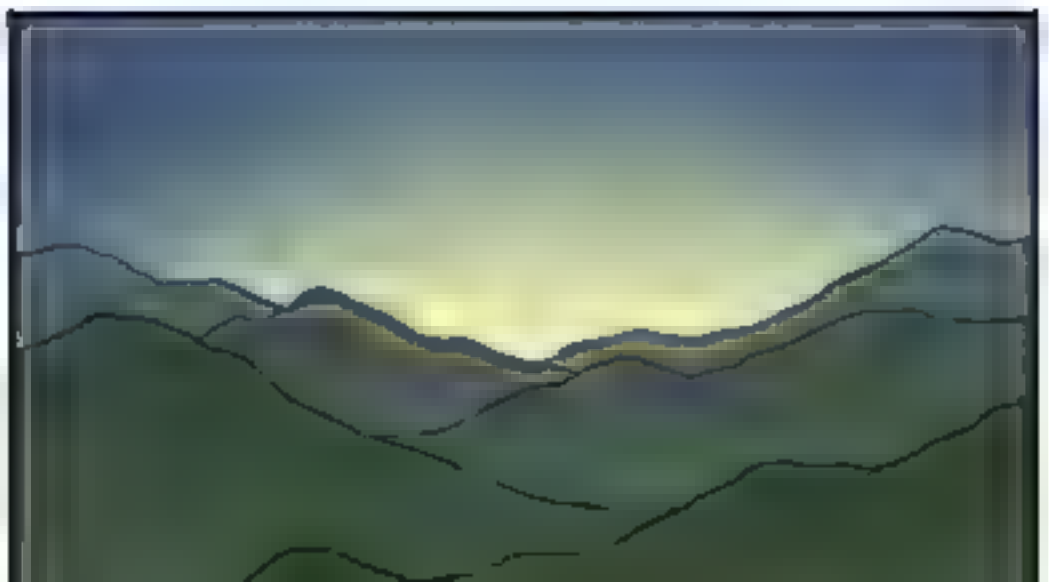

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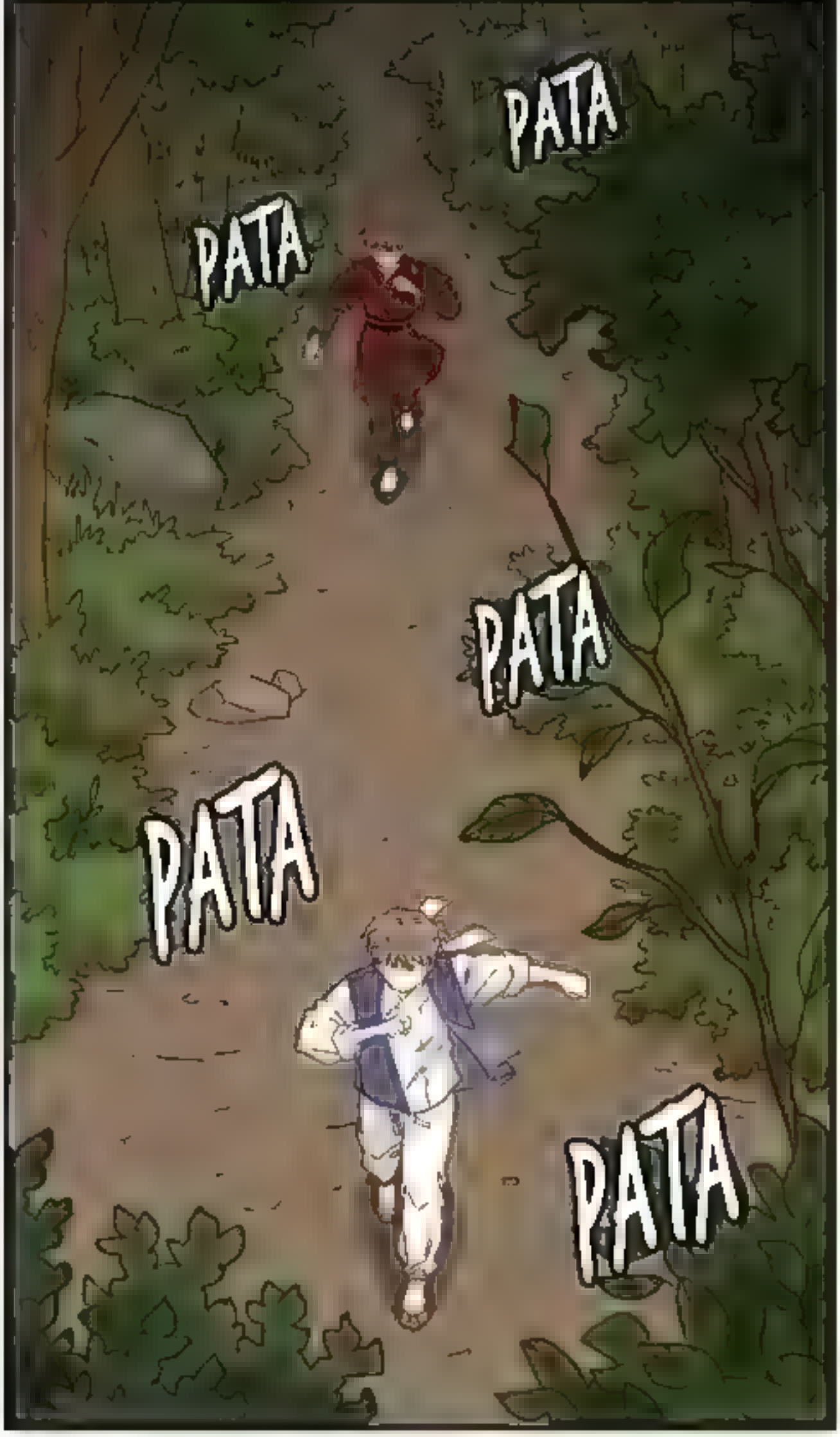
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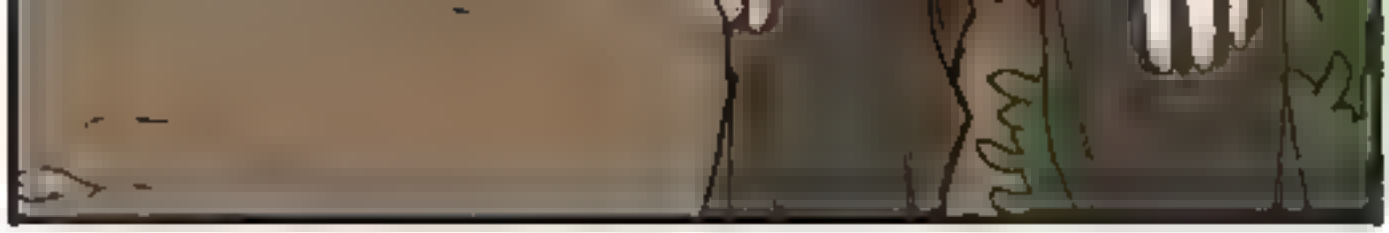
OH!

FADE

I SEE!

...
HUFF
HUFF



ARE YOU TIRED ALREADY?
HUFF

COME ON.
STEP
GET UP BARI.

BUT...

I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT.

I SPENT THE

PAST SEVERAL
HUNDRED YEARS...
...SEARCHING
FOR AN ANSWER.

HE...

...WANTED NOTHING IN RETURN.

OTHERS HAVE TAKEN RARE AND EXPENSIVE HERBS FOR GIFTS.

TO SOME, I'VE EVEN GIVEN SILVER AND GOLD.

MR. KIM WOULD AWKWARDLY SMILE...

...AND DIDN'T ACCEPT ANYTHING FROM ME.

MR. KIM WAS ALWAYS SO KIND TO ME.

WITHOUT ASKING ANYTHING IN RETURN.

I WANTED TO GET HIS ATTENTION, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

AROUND.

I LEARNED HE LIKES TO READ. SO I STOPPED RANDOM SCHOLARS IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND TOOK THEIR BOOKS.

HE TOLD ME ABOUT BEING BULLIED, SO I WENT TO HIS VILAGE...

AND PLAYED SNEAKY TRICKS ON THOSE

GUYS.

BUT EVEN THOUGH MR. KIM WAS SMILING...

...THERE WAS A SHADOW UNDERNEATH HIS FACE.

AFTER REALIZING THAT DAMSEOL WAS THE REASON...

...I BECAME CONFUSED.

WHAT DID DAMSEOL OFFER TO HIM...?

WHY DID MR. KIM DO SUCH A THING?

DID MR. KIM WILLINGLY DO IT FOR HER SAKE?

WHAT'S HIS BENEFIT?

WHAT DID HE SEEK TO GAIN?

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I SPENT WONDERING ABOUT THAT.

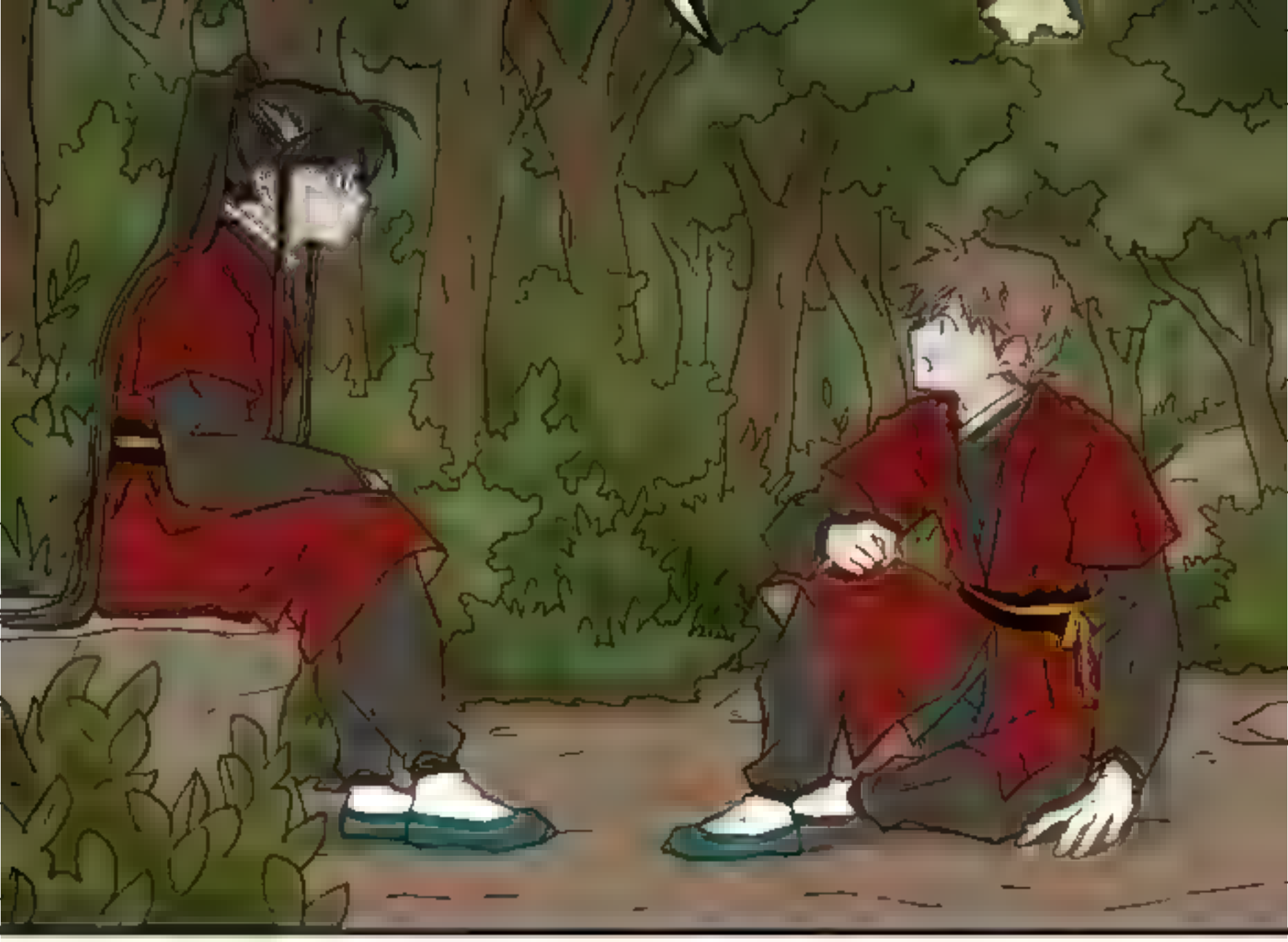
I JUST CAN'T THINK ANYMORE.

AFTER ALL THAT TIME I SPENT ON THINKING, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTED.

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT I'LL EVER FIND OUT. WHAT WOULD SEEING A FEW ILLUSIONS CHANGE?

WELL,
EVEN IF YOU STILL
WANT TO FIND
YOUR ANSWER...

...YOU SURE YOU'RE
PREPARED TO KNOW
IT?



WHAT...?

I DIDN'T WANNA SAY IT BUT...

WE STILL HAVE A TEST TO TAKE.

STAND

I JUST CAN'T WATCH YOU LIKE THIS. I'LL BE OVER THERE.

WHY DID YOU?

TELL ME...
...WHY DID YOU DO IT?

I WANT TO kNOW.